

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 7, 2006 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

Claims 1 and 6 are currently amended. Claims 2-5 are as originally filed. Claims 7- 19 have been previously presented. Claim 20 has been withdrawn.

Enclosed is a Petition For Two-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$450 to cover the cost of the fee.

Figures 3-5 have been objected to for having unclear text. Enclosed are proposed Replacement Sheets having Figures 3-5.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,874,119 to Beck et al. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Claim 1 as currently amended is directed toward a method for creating a process-driven knowledge activation system having the steps of creating a process model comprising one or more elements; associating at appropriate points within processes in the model a collection of symbols representing resources that will be required by a user to be effective; auditing and tracing the usage of the symbols across the model through a mechanism of dependency analysis within the modeling tool; mapping the symbols associated with the process that requires them to electronically-stored knowledge resources; generating a process-driven knowledge activation system comprising one or more symbols or textual representation of the symbols associated with the processes linked to the knowledge resources; the system then revealing to the user through a graphical user interface, on clicking on a process, the associated relevant knowledge resource symbols or textual representation of the symbols, the appropriate resource then being presented to the user on the click of the symbols or textual representation of the symbols; and repeating periodically these steps in a review cycle in

which the process models and resources of the process driven knowledge activation system are revised and re-published.

Currently amended claim 1 more clearly defines that the method for creating a process-driven knowledge activation system is developed as a result of analysis of the organization which the process model is required to represent and is based on a predictive-type analysis rather than on a historical event as in the '119 Beck et al patent.

In Applicant's invention, the processes within the created process model can be inter-related and mapped to multiple resources via symbols. They are not therefore dependant on events which have happened, as in the Beck et al patent. For instance, the user of Applicant's method as set forth in currently amended claim 1 is provided with a collection of symbols representing resources that the user will need in order to be effective, the symbols being associated at appropriate points within the process in the model. Through a mechanism of dependency analysis within the modeling tool, the auditing and tracing of the user's usage of the symbols is performed across the model. Those symbols associated with the process that requires them are then mapped to electronically stored knowledge resources and a process-driven knowledge activation system is generated comprising one or more of the symbols (or textual representational of the symbols) associated with the processes linked to the knowledge resources. Thereafter, the system reveals to the user the associated relevant knowledge resources symbols and the appropriate resource is then presented to the user. The system periodically repeats each of these steps in a review cycle in which the process models and resources of the process driven knowledge activation system are revised and republished.

Clearly, these features are not taught or suggested in the '119 Beck et al patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

In addition, Applicant's invention is directed toward a process model and to the generation of the process model. The object of the '119 Beck et al patent is to provide easy reference to historical data of a common client or common subject. Beck '119 et al clearly is not directed toward the generation of a process model or to a process model itself. Beck provides an object model that provides a threaded connection between a series of events and provides an easy reference records of those events being linked. Applicant's process model provides a way of linking processes within a process model with resources which are needed to allow each process to be carried out. Applicant's process model is provided to facilitate further events. Beck et al provides a record of historical events.

Applicant's currently amended claim 1 provides the user with associated relevant knowledge symbols which provide the appropriate resource to the user when the user clicks on the symbols. In Applicant's invention, the symbols were audited and traced by usage across the model through a mechanism of dependency analysis with the modeling tool. Thus, in Applicant's invention the process model is developed as a result of analysis of the organization that the process model is required to represent and is, therefore, based on a predictive analysis. In contrast, the Beck '119 patent is based on historical events.

Applicant truly believes that currently amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-5 are novel over the Beck '119 et al patent and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 6 has been currently amended to include that in the method for creating a process-driven knowledge activation system the collection of symbols representing the resources that will be required by a user to be effective are associated at appropriate points within the process in the model and to further include that a periodical repeat of each step occurs to revise and republish the

process models and resources of the process driven knowledge activation system. Applicant believes that currently amended claim 6, along with dependent claims 7-10, is novel over the cited reference and therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

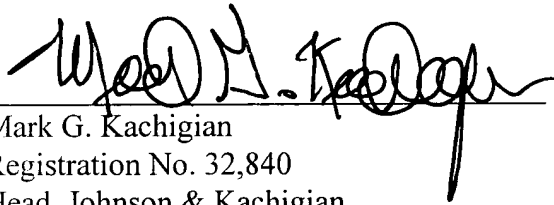
It is noted that Examiner Davis' objections are based on the description in the cited patent of an object model. Applicant's invention is directed toward a process model. Applicant's process model provides a way of linking processes with the process model with relevant resources which are needed to allow each process to be carried out.

Examiner Davis appears to be suggesting that because the Beck et al patent mentions a process mode, then objections based on the object model description must apply. Although there is reference to both an object model and a process model (see col 10, lines 40 to 41) there is no other mention of a process model. The two models (process model and object model) are completely independent of each other and are entirely different entities. In addition, the Beck et al patent does not suggest or teach how the details of its object model can be applied to a process model. There is no description of what the process model in the Beck et al patent does. Beck only mentions that a process model controls how events are handled with the operating system. Therefore, one is left to assume that any processing model in Beck would only allocate events, such as phone conversations, to a particular object model. Applicant provides a way of linking processes provided within a process model with resources which are needed to allow each process to be carried out by a user. This is an important distinction between Applicant's invention and the '119 Beck et al patent. Therefore, Applicant sincerely believes that currently amended claims are novel over the Beck et al patent and, respectfully, requests reconsideration of the rejection.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested. If any fees are associated with this action, the Examiner is authorized to credit deposit account No. 08-1500.

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Respectfully submitted,

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